

**Summary of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's State Coverage Initiatives**  
**2007/2008 Coverage Institute**  
**Presented to the KHPA Board Meeting, August 2007**

**Purpose:** Assist states as they develop and refine coverage expansion strategies

**Eligibility:** States must be working on substantial or comprehensive health reform

**Selected States:** Arkansas, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Wisconsin.

**Kansas SCI Team Members:** Senator Jim Barnett, Rep. Jeff Colyer, Senator Laura Kelly, Rep. Valdenia Winn, Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger, KDHE Secretary Rod Bremby, Governor's Chief of Staff Troy Findley, KHPA Board Members Ned Holland and Joe Tilghman, KHPA Executive Director Dr. Marci Nielsen, and KHPA Deputy Director Dr. Andy Allison. The Kansas SCI Team will be staffed by KHPA Public Policy Director Dr. Barb Langner.

**Timeline:**

June 1, 2007	Call for proposals posted
June 27, 2007	Deadline for proposal submission
July 23, 2007	KHPA notified of state selection for the 2007 Coverage Institute
August 14 or 16, 2007	SCI program office site visit with Kansas team
September 26-28, 2007	Coverage Institute Kick-Off meeting, Chicago
October, 2007	Submit funding request for development activities (up to \$200,000)
October-August, 2008	Provision of technical support by SCI
July/August, 2008	Mid-point meeting of state teams
April, 2009	Final meeting

**Coverage Kick-Off Meeting Description:** State teams will meet with experts to assess current challenges, analyze strategic policy options, and revise or refine current state-specific plans. Interaction with policymakers from other states and Coverage Institute faculty allows further sharing of experiences and expertise.

**Potential Development Activities:**

- Model health reform components for improved health and prevention strategies (tobacco control, obesity, and chronic disease management)
- Technical advice on construction of a state level health care trust fund mechanism
- Multi-faceted health reform educational campaign

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